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SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTS THE MUSIC OF *THE CRAIG BOYD BAND* ON OCTOBER 30, 2009 ON THE AMMERMAN CAMPUS

Selden, NY – Suffolk County Community College will present the music of *The Craig Boyd Band* on Friday, October 30, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. in the Shea Theatre in the Islip Arts Building on the Ammerman Campus in Selden. Debuting material from his upcoming album, *Being With You*, Craig Boyd, an SCCC alumnus and the College's Coordinator of Music, keeps the College's 50th Anniversary festivities grooving with his heralded brand of smooth jazz. This free concert is open to the general public.

In addition to being a recipient of the prestigious State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities, Professor Boyd has also been recognized in the music industry for his talent as a composer, arranger, producer, and studio guitarist for national groups and recording artists. Professor Boyd is a graduate of the Berklee College of Music with a B.M. in Music Composition and a B.M. in Music Education.

Professor Boyd's earliest childhood memories include music in his home and community. His mother was known for her singing ability and his father would join in at times, doing solo renditions of popular songs that he knew and loved. Although he is classically trained and proficient at playing numerous instruments, Professor Boyd's love affair with the guitar began at the age of six and from that point forward, music became an integral part of his life. Hungry to learn more, he would jam wherever he could, even on street corners, learning from older rock and roll musicians and "Blue's Men" in the community. At age eleven, he joined his first rock and roll band which served as a foundation for things to come. In the 1980's, Professor Boyd took a seasonal job as a traffic control officer with the Southampton Town Police Department. He gained celebrity status by directing traffic in a choreographed musical fashion. He was dubbed the "Disco Cop" and directed 12 lanes of summertime Hampton Bays traffic to the music of his "inner groove". His disco moves led to a series of Burger King Commercials that charmed the nation as much as those who saw him signal on Long Island. The experience also led him to record "The Cop Bop" under the name Portable Patrol.

To listen to samples of Professor Boyd's music from his past album, **Back on Track**, visit www.craigboyd.com. For additional information, call 451-4630 today.



Photo Caption: Debuting material from his upcoming album, *Being With You*, Craig Boyd, SCCC alumnus and College Coordinator of Music, keeps the College's 50th Anniversary festivities grooving with his heralded brand of smooth jazz.

About Suffolk County Community College

Suffolk County Community College (SCCC) is the largest community college in the State University of New York (SUNY) system, enrolling approximately 25,000 students at its three campuses in Selden, Brentwood and Riverhead. SCCC offers the Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Science (A.S.), and Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degrees, as well as a variety of certificate programs. Offering the lowest college tuition on Long Island, a highly respected Honors program, extensive extracurricular activities, championship athletic teams, and numerous unified transfer programs, SCCC is a first-choice college for Long Island students. Visit us online at sunysuffolk.edu.

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